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BRASILIA PASS TO ADVANCEMAN MCGUNNIGLE FOR LTC JACK BRENNAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MRS. NIXON'S VISIT TO VENEZUELA: REQUEST FOR
APPOINTMENT BY CHINESE DELEGATION

1. THE CHINESE AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED ME THIS MORNING TO SAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS VICE PRESIDENT, C.K. YEN, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. PURPOSE OF AMBASSADOR'S CALL WAS TO INQUIRE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS VICE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A COURTESY VISIT TO MRS. NIXON.
 2. I SAID THAT MRS. NIXON'S PROGRAM FOR CARACAS HAD NOT YET BEEN FIRMED UP BUT THAT I COULD GIVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT AS TO WHETHER SUCH A VISIT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. I POINTED OUT THAT IF MRS. NIXON RECEIVED ONE HEAD OF DELEGATION, THERE MIGHT BE AT LEAST A HUNDRED OTHER CHIEFS OF DELEGATION ASKING FOR THE SAME PRIVILEGE.
 3. MY CHINESE COLLEAGUE WAS FAIRLY PERSISTENT, SAYING THAT MR. YEN HAD PREVIOUSLY MET THE FIRST LADY AND REGARDED HER AS A FRIEND. I REPEATED THAT I COULD GIVE NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PROSPECT OF A VISIT BUT THAT I WOULD DULY REPORT HIS
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REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

4. RECOMMENDATION: IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE ARE NOT TO
FORESTALL OTHER REQUESTS FOR PRIVATE AUDIENCES DURING THE THREE
DAYS OF MRS. NIXON'S STAY IN CARACAS, WE SHALL FIND OURSELVES
IN INCREASING EMBARRASSMENT. UNLESS MRS. NIXON HAS A PERSONAL
DESIRE TO MEET THE CHINESE VICE PRESIDENT, I WOULD THINK IT
WISER TO REPLY THAT BECAUSE OF AN ALREADY FULL SCHEDULE SHE IS
NOT RECEIVING ANY CALLS DURING HER STAY IN VENEZUELA.
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